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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, AUGUST 7, 1998

APPLICATION OF

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER
COMPANY, INC.

CASE NO. PUE980329

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
authorizing the furnishing
of water

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN
COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On May 27, 1998, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc.
("Wildwood" or "the Company") filed with the Clerk of the State
Corporation Commission an application to obtain a certificate of
public convenience and necessity. In its application, the
Company requests authority to provide water service to the
Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper and Rappahannock
Counties, Virginia.¹

The Company proposes the following tariff for water
service:

¹ Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc. has been serving the subdivision, and currently there are 75 meter boxes installed with the water lines completed. Additionally, while the water system is comprised of three well lots, only Well Lot 1 (between Lots 66 and 67) currently is owned by the Company. According to the application, Well Lots 2 and 3, along with the accompanying pipes and fixtures, will be transferred from Wildwood Forest, Inc. to Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc. in the near future.

WATER RATES

1. Basic Service Fee: \$16.25 per month
2. Usage Fees:

<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Fee</u>
0 - 6,000	2.50 per 1,000 gal.
6,001 - 10,000	3.13 per 1,000 gal.
10,001 - 20,000	3.44 per 1,000 gal.
20,001 - 30,000	3.75 per 1,000 gal.
30,001 - 40,000	4.06 per 1,000 gal.
40,001 - 50,000	4.38 per 1,000 gal.
50,001+	4.69 per 1,000 gal.

3. Minimum Charge:

There shall be a monthly minimum service charge of \$24 per month for water service, and no bill will be rendered for less than the minimum charge. The minimum monthly service charge shall become effective when the water service is connected to the lot.

The Company bills its customers on a semi-annual basis (every April 1st and October 1st) in arrears.

Before providing water service, the Company may require of any customer a cash deposit or other suitable guarantee to secure the performance by the customer of the terms and conditions of the Company under which water service is supplied. The maximum amount of any deposit shall not exceed the customer's estimated liability for two months' usage.

Upon a customer's request, the Company will perform a meter test. If such a test has been conducted within the past 24 months and the meter has an average error less than or equal to two (2) percent, the customer will be charged the actual cost of

the test, \$15. If the meter's average error is greater than two (2) percent, there will be no customer charge.

Additionally, Wildwood proposes a turn-on charge of \$25.00 to restore service in the event it has been disconnected for nonpayment of any bill or for violation of the Company's rules and regulations of service. The Company further proposes a bad check charge of \$6.00 and a late payment charge of up to 1½ percent per month on any customer charges not timely paid.

The Company's tariff with its rules and regulations of service may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia and in the Reference Section, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia during the library's regular business hours.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the Company's application, is of the opinion and finds that this application should be docketed, that Staff should investigate and analyze the application and present its recommendations to the Commission, and that the public should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the application. Accordingly,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE980329.

(2) The Company shall make a copy of its application and exhibits available for public inspection in the Reference Section, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia during the library's regular business hours.

(3) On or before September 1, 1998, the Company shall file the following financial information with the Commission's Division of Public Utility Accounting: an income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement based on utility operations for the calendar year 1997, and a copy of the Company's 1997 tax returns.

(4) On or before September 25, 1998, any interested person wishing to comment on the application shall address such comments to: William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of such comments simultaneously shall be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

(5) On or before September 25, 1998, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request for hearing in writing with William J. Bridge, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer in his or her request to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of such request simultaneously

shall be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

(6) Appropriate members of the Commission's Staff shall investigate the application and shall submit, on or before November 6, 1998, a report presenting their findings and recommendations.

(7) On or before September 1, 1998, the Company shall mail the following notice to all of its customers and lot owners in the Wildwood Forest subdivision in Culpeper County, Virginia:

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF
WILDWOOD FOREST WATER COMPANY, INC.
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY
CASE NO. PUE980329

Notice hereby is given that Wildwood Forest Water Company ("the Company") has applied to the State Corporation Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity. In its application, the Company requests authority to provide water service to a subdivision known as Wildwood Forest in Culpeper and Rappahannock Counties, Virginia. The Company proposes the following tariff for water service:

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While the total revenue requirement that may be approved is limited to the amount of revenue produced by the Company's proposed rates, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that individual rates and charges approved by the Commission may be either higher or lower than those proposed by the Company.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection in the Reference Section, Culpeper County Library, 271 Southgate Shopping Center, Culpeper, Virginia during the library's regular business hours. The application also is available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Comments on the Company's application and/or requests for a hearing must be submitted on or before September 25, 1998 to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE980329. A copy of the comments and/or requests for hearing also must be sent to the Company as follows: Thomas M. Moore, Wildwood Forest Water Company, Inc., 101 Winchester Street, Warrenton, Virginia 20186.

If no requests for hearing are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

WILDWOOD FOREST WATER COMPANY, INC.

(8) The Company forthwith shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of any county and upon the Mayor or Manager of any county, city, or town (or equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the Company' service

area. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(9) On or before September 15, 1998, the Company shall provide the Commission with proof of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8).